

Speaker Bios

Women's Entrepreneurship Policy Round Table Series

Session 2: September 21, 2022

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP POLICY THROUGH A CULTURE LENS

Professor Colette Henry, PhD

Colette Henry is Head of Department of Business Studies at Dundalk Institute of Technology, Ireland, and Adjunct Professor – Department of Business Strategy & Innovation – at Griffith University, Queensland, Australia. Her previous roles include Adjunct Professor at UiT- The Arctic University of Norway; Norbrook Professor of Business & Enterprise at the Royal Veterinary College, London, and President of the Institute for Small Business & Entrepreneurship, UK. She is founder and chair of the Global Women's Entrepreneurship Research Network (Global WEP) and Founding Editor of the International Journal of Gender & Entrepreneurship. She has published on entrepreneurship education, gender, the creative industries and veterinary/rural business. In 2015 she received the Diana International Research Project Trailblazer Award, and in 2017 received the Sten K Johnson European Entrepreneurship Education Award from Lund University, Sweden. Colette is a fellow of the Royal Society, the Higher Education Academy, the Academy of Social Sciences, and the Institute for Small Business & Entrepreneurship. She is currently leading a series of Global WEP publications and has published – with the OECD – “Entrepreneurship Policies Through a Gender Lens” (OECD, 2021).

Dr. Alena Křížková

Dr. Alena Křížková, Ph.D. is Head of the Gender & Sociology Department of the Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences. She received her Ph.D. in sociology at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague. In 2014 – 2015 she conducted Fulbright Fellowship at Arizona State University for comparative CZ – US research on entrepreneurship environment for disadvantaged populations and gender equality. She uses qualitative and quantitative methodology and develops the intersectional approach to research of social inequalities. Her research focus is on women's economic independence, economic and social justice, work/life balance and gender in organisations and in entrepreneurship. She is a member of the Committee for Equal Representation of Women and Men in Decision-making Positions and in Politics of the Czech Government Commission for Equal Opportunities of Women and Men, a member of editorial board of the Gender and Research journal and executive team member of Global Women's Entrepreneurship Policy Network.

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Dr. Séverine Le Loarne – Lemaire

Prof. Dr. Séverine Le Loarne – Lemaire is full professor at Grenoble Ecole de Management (France), founder and head of the FERE Research Chair “Female Entrepreneurship for a Renewed Economy”. After a first life in business as product manager, S. Le Loarne Lemaire started her academic career as assistant professor in innovation, creating an international innovation contest among students from business schools (12 partners, more than 300 projects in competition) and head of Executive programs. Her research currently focuses on three main areas: spousal support to women entrepreneurs in deprived economic zones, on entrepreneurial practices of women in deprived economic zones and women's creativity to innovate for climate change. She published papers in peer reviewed academic journals and signed several teaching manuals (Pearson education). Her research has been awarded several times (Among others: USASBE, EURAM, and, more recently ICSB). She recently accepted to join the OECD Global WEP Research Team.

Dr. Vahid Makizadeh

Dr. Vahid Makizadeh is an assistant professor in the Faculty of Management and Accounting at the University of Hormozgan, Iran. He has a Master's degree in Business Management and a Ph.D. in strategic Management from Shahid Beheshti University (formerly known as the National University of Iran), Tehran, Iran. His main area of interest is Strategic management and Entrepreneurship, particularly entrepreneurship among disadvantaged people. In addition, he has spent several years working for businesses in a consultative role.

Dr. Roshni Narendran

Dr. Roshni Narendran has published in pharmaceutical marketing, pedagogical teaching methods and female entrepreneurship. Roshni's research interest is in gender and entrepreneurship. Roshni's doctoral thesis explored the institutional constraints faced by women. Her study also explored the impact of the caste system and government programs on female entrepreneur. There is an increased focus of studies on women entrepreneurs and Roshni felt that other sections of the population are not getting enough attention in the literature. Other sections of the population need a voice in academic literature hence recently started to research on entrepreneurs in transgender community. The University of

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Wollongong supported her research by providing her the Business faculty grant. In her research, she is trying to understand how entrepreneurial activities can change social legitimacy.

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